

Application No. 10/063,973

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1-8 and 10-26 stand rejected.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner states that newly submitted claims 27-28 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: claims 27-28 are directed to a method of use, whereas the originally claims inventions are directed to an article and method of making.

Applicant has canceled claims 27 and 28.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner states that in view of the prior Office action of December 09, 2003, the rejection of claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn due to the Amendments made thereto.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yu et al. (US Pat. 5,911,934), as evidenced by Rudolph et al, (US Pat. 3,989,655). Claims 1 and 10 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 29 and 32. Claim 2 has also been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as submitted. Claims 3-8, and 11-20 have been amended to depend from these claims. Therefore, they should be allowable if new claims 29 and 32 are allowable. Claims 22-24 have been canceled.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-15 and 18-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yu et al. (US Pat. 6,117,603), as evidenced by Rudolph. Claims 1 and 10 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 29 and 32. Claim 2 has also been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable as submitted. Claims 3-4, 11-15, 18, and 19-21 have been amended to

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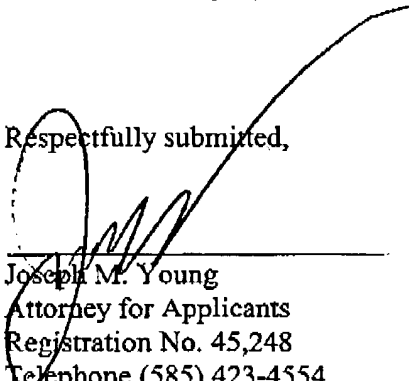
depend from these claims. Therefore, they should be allowable if new claims 29 and 32 are allowable. Claims 22-26 have been canceled.

Conclusion

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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